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12 MAR 1960

Senator Warren G. Magnuson
Chairman, Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnuson:

I have your kind invitation of March 3 to appear before your Committee during its hearings on international trade for the purpose of testifying on the implications of Sino-Soviet Bloc trade expansion. While I have every desire to assist your Committee in its most important task, I believe that testimony by myself or one of my officers on the indicated subject would not be appropriate.

The organization of the intelligence community under directives of the National Security Council places responsibility for production of intelligence on trade and commerce outside of the borders of the Soviet Bloc on the Department of State. All pertinent intelligence information collected by this Agency is funneled to the Department of State, as are our analyses of internal Soviet Bloc economies. The result is that the Department is fully in a position to provide your Committee with a comprehensive presentation and evaluation of both the economic and political implications of Soviet-Bloc commercial operations in the Free World. I am advised that the Department is ready and willing to do so. I further assure you that our economic specialists will assist the appropriate officers of the State Department to the end that its appearance before your Committee will fully reflect all the information and analysis available to the entire intelligence community.

I hope that the foregoing arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

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Faithfully,

SIGNED

Allen V. Dulles
Director

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10 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Inspector General
SUBJECT: Requested Appearance Before Senate Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce

1. I have discussed Senator Magnuson's invitation that you or one of your subordinates from CIA testify on Sino-Soviet Bloc trade expansion with Assistant Secretary Macomber of State, and he in turn has checked the matter out with Under Secretary Dillon. I explained your basic reluctance to expand the number of committees before which we appear together with our feeling that the Department of State, with the backstopping of CIA, could present the desired testimony in a comprehensive and adequate manner.

2. Macomber has today informed me that the Department is most anxious that we do not appear and further believes that at least the Committee staff anticipates a turndown.

3. I recommend that you reply to Senator Magnuson as per the attached letter.

[Redacted Signature]

ROBERT AMORY, JR. [Initials]
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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Attachment:
Suggested letter to
Senator Magnuson

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<p>Remarks: Re the attached, I have talked to Ed [] who indicates probably a reasonable briefing could be conducted on an unclassified basis. I have also talked to the chief Staff man who indicates that they are having a number of experts such as Dr. Vernon of Harvard, J. B. O'Connor of Dresser Industries, the principal economist from Reynolds Metals, representatives from Dumont Laboratories, and others. They are also to have Commerce and State representatives including Douglas Dillon. All sessions are to be open although they would consider an executive session for us. It was also indicated that they did not want to press us on this; therefore, the (over)</p>					
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invitational form of the letter. I have prepared the groundwork by indicating what we have in most of these fields has been made available to Commerce and State. On these grounds I would recommend that we decline the invitation. You may wish to bring this up at the Deputies.


John S. Warner

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